GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2813
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IMPORT OF RAW SUGAR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed import of raw sugar in the country;

(b) if so, reasons therefor alongwith quantity of raw sugar imported during the last two year, Company-wise details;

(c) the terms and conditions on which import of raw sugar is allowed and the import price, and import duty levied/waived, if any;

(d) whether the Government has now decided to amend the Advance Licence Scheme for raw sugar import;

(e) if so, has the Government since allowed sale of imported raw sugar in domestic market under these amended provisions;

(f) whether this policy has caused an imbalance in price structure between imported raw sugar and domestic sugar; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) The import of sugar (including raw sugar) is allowed as per the ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import Items. Further, as per prevailing Foreign Trade Policy of the Government, various raw materials, including raw sugar, can also be imported under Advance Licencing Scheme with actual user condition and such imports are exempted from duties, but are subject to export obligation to be fulfilled within a stipulated period. The details of the raw sugar imported during the last two years, 2002-03 and 2003-04, are at Annexure.

(c) The terms and conditions for the import of raw sugar under Advance Licence are governed by the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy, Handbook of Procedures Vol. 1, Handbook of Procedures Vol. 2 and ITC(HS) Classification of Import and Export Items. Imports under the Advance Licences are exempted from payment of basic customs duty, additional customs duty, education cess, anti-dumping duty and safeguard duty, if any. As far as import price is concerned, this depends on the commercial agreement between the buyer and the seller.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF RAW SUGAR IMPORTS (PROVISIONAL)

For the Period : 2002-03

No.	Name of the Company	Quantity (In MTs)
1.	Shakti Sugar	35,700
2.	Renuka	8,000
3.	Renuka	6,000
4.	Shakti Sugar	36,500

5. Shakti Sugar 38,000

TOTAL 124,200

For the Period : 2003-04

No. Name of the Company Quantity (In MTs)

1. Renuka 8,000

2. Renuka 15,500

3. Shakti Sugar 18,100

4. EID Parry 15,200

5. Renuka 25,750
6. Bannari Aman 23,750

7 Ambika Sugars 34,500

8. Shakti Sugar 23,000

9. Tanna (Dhampur) 24,000
10. Tanna (Dhampur) 2,232
11. Ambika Sugars 23,000
12. EID Parry 10,000
13. Sagar Sugar 8,000
14. Dharni Sugars 24,000
15. Ambika Sugars 43,250
16. NCS Sugars 23,100
17. Tanna (Dhampur) 24,000
18. Ponni 10,500
19. Sagar Sugar 1,850
20. Shakti Sugar 9,150
21. Shakti 29,850
22. Sagar Sugar 9,150
23. Bannari Aman 38,500
24. NCS Sugars 26,500
25. EID Parry 20,050
26. Sagar Sugar 20,050
27. Ambika Sugars 42,000

TOTAL 552,982